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INDONESIAN SOLDIERS CHASING TIMORESE STUDENTS

About 200 people, rioted in front of the Msgr.Belo's residence, in Dili, on November 4th,1989, demanding Msgr.Belo to quit his post as the administrator apostholic of the diocese and to leave the country together with the four priests, Martins,Ricardo, Filomeno Jacob and Domingos Soares.The four latter, should quit their religious posts as soon as possible,the rioters demanded. Otherwise, they would be kicked out.

Other foreigner priests were also demanded, during the riot, to leave East Timor within three months term, starting from that day on.The rioters also demanded Msgr. Belo to delliver the 30 young students refuged at his residence, after the demonstration carried out by students during the Pope's visit to East Timor on October 12th,1989.

The 200 rioters were mobilized by the Indonesian military officials, the Brigadier-General (Panglima KOOPSKAM) of the special command for security in East Timor and the colonel,Prabowo Subianto, the commander of the infantry battalion 328th.

Many Indonesian intelligents were among the rioters to supervise and to control them.One of them, to incite the rioters, shouted that "the priests nowadays head the liberation movements to fight the governments,as it is happening in several countries in the world".

Another group,consisted of hundreds of young people,appeared, suddenly, to support the apostholic administrator, attempted to break the riot organized and headed by the Indonesian military officials.But Indonesian soldiers,intervened, under the orders of the two mentioned military officials, supporting the rioters and breaking up the Belo's supporters.

According to our sources, some of the students were taking away by the soldiers from the Msgr. Belo's residence, during the turmoil.

After the event, intelligents started to chase people, who du -

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ring the riot supported Msgr. Belo.
On November 16th,1989, two military officials (majors) from the intelligent, were attacked by a group of young students at the road between the Santa Cruz Cemetery (Dili) and the Balide-school.The two officials were seriously wounded and the vehicle damaged.
The Indonesian commander in Dili, took measures to retaliate.A battallion was mobilized to pursuit and punish the young students.One student was shot to death while two other were seriously wounded.An unknown number of students were also arrested, tortured and interrogated.According to our sources, they are held in the military prisons in Dili.

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